

1 **Q. Further to the response to PUB-NP-034, page 2, given the experience with**  
2 **the budget estimation for the Transmission Line 94L Rebuild project, would**  
3 **Newfoundland Power consider conducting field level geotechnical testing to**  
4 **aid in the development of budgetary estimates for the four future**  
5 **Transmission Line Rebuild projects that will involve similar terrain as**  
6 **referenced in the response to PUB-NP-020?**  
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8 A. Newfoundland Power is considering the implementation of such testing for the upcoming  
9 Transmission Line Rebuild projects that involve terrain similar to Transmission Line 94L.  
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11 The Company intends to complete an evaluation of available methods for assessing  
12 ground conditions, including field level geotechnical testing, to determine the  
13 effectiveness in providing increased accuracy of budgetary estimates for Transmission  
14 Line Rebuild projects. This evaluation will include correspondence with other utilities  
15 across Canada to determine if any specific field surveys or geotechnical testing are  
16 typically used to inform their project budgets, as well as the magnitude of the costs  
17 associated with these programs, and any other benefits or limitations.  
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19 Based on the information obtained from this evaluation, the Company will determine if  
20 implementation of similar ground condition testing is warranted.